IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

8334 APPLICANT: da Costa e Silva, et al. CONF. NO : GROUP: 1638 APPLICATION NO.: 10/764.259 FILING DATE: January 23, 2004 EXAMINER: Collins

TITLE: PHOSPHATASE STRESS-RELATED PROTEINS AND

METHODS OF USE IN PLANTS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir

Applicants hereby petition that the time for responding to the Examiner's Office Action dated October 31, 2006 be extended for a period of 3 months, resetting the due date to 04/30/2007. Authorization is hereby given to charge the extension fee of \$1,020.00 and any other fee that may be due with regard to this submission, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 02-1197.

Respectfully submitted,

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